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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Ranch Cucamonga – Man Arrested with Firearms, Ammunition, Machining Tools, and Narcotics

(U) Deputies arrested Ryan Fisher, 30 after he fraudulently obtained a bank loan in the amount of \$30,900. Following Fisher's arrest, deputies found machining tools inside Fisher's garage and several incomplete AR-15 rifles in the process of being assembled. Inside Fisher's home deputies located 12 completed handguns, one sniper rifle, and seven complete AR 15 rifles, all with no serial numbers. They also found body armor, several thousand rounds of ammunition, and narcotics. Several of the rifles were equipped with suppressors, and several were short-barreled rifles, all which are illegal to possess in the state of California. Deputies also located about 15 unattached suppressors and dozens of home manufactured gun parts to build more AR-15 rifles and handguns.

SOURCE: 2 August 2021, [Fontana Herald](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – Third Metropolitan Police Officer Dies by Suicide Following Capitol Attack

(U) Washington – Officer Gunther Hashida, assigned to the Emergency Response Team within the Special Operations Division, was found deceased in his residence on Thursday, 29 July. Hashida joined the Metropolitan Police Department in 2003 and was one of many officers who responded to the US Capitol insurrection on 6 January. Hashida's death follows another Metropolitan Police officer's suicide on 10 July. The death marks four known suicides by officers who responded to the Capitol during the attack, and three known suicides by a DC officer specifically.

SOURCE: 2 August 2021, [FOX Carolina](#)

(U) Massachusetts – Chinese Threat Actors Compromising Telecommunications Providers

(U) Boston – Cybereason, a leader in operation-centric attack protection, announced the discovery of several previously unidentified cyber-attack campaigns infiltrating major telecommunications providers across Southeast Asia. Similar to the recent SolarWinds and Kaseya attacks, the threat actors first compromised third-party service providers with the intent to leverage them to conduct surveillance of their customers' confidential communications. Cybereason identified several attacks that have evaded detection since at least 2017 and are assessed to be the work of several groups aligned with the interests of the Chinese government. Overlap in tactics, techniques and procedures across the three operations likely indicate the attackers were tasked with parallel objectives under the direction of a centralized coordinating body aligned with Chinese state interests.

SOURCE: 3 August 2021, [PR Newswire](#)

(U) New York – Terrorist Propaganda Flooding New Social Network GETTR

(U) New York City – Just weeks after its launch, social network GETTR is inundated with terrorist propaganda spread by supporters of ISIS. The social network features reams of jihadi-related material, including graphic videos of beheadings, viral memes that promote violence against the West, and even memes of a militant executing former President Donald Trump in an orange jumpsuit.

SOURCE: 3 August 2021, [Politico](#)

(U) Pennsylvania – Shipping Crew Members Plead Guilty for Conspiracy to Smuggle Cocaine

(U) Philadelphia – Ivan Durasevic, 31, and Nenad Ilic, 41, both of Montenegro, were sentenced by a US District Court Judge on charges of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute cocaine on a vessel subject to the jurisdiction of the United States. Durasevic and Ilic worked on board the MSC Gayane, a commercial shipping vessel, as crew members. For months in early 2019, Durasevic, and Ilic conspired with others to engage in a bulk cocaine smuggling scheme. On multiple occasions during the MSC Gayane's voyage and while at sea, crew members including the defendants helped load bulk packages of cocaine onto the vessel from speedboats that approached the vessel in the middle of the night under cover of darkness. On 17 June 2019, federal, state, and local law enforcement agents boarded the MSC Gayane when it arrived in Philadelphia and seized about 20 tons of cocaine worth over \$1 billion US dollars from its shipping containers in one of the largest drug seizures in US history.

SOURCE: 2 August 2021, [DOJ Press Release](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Canada – Churches Throughout Country Being Vandalized and Set on Fire

(U) Vancouver – Police in the city of Vancouver have noted a marked increase in acts of vandalism against churches since the beginning of June, with 13 incidents including rocks thrown at windows, graffiti, and threats of arson. The incidents are part of a larger trend of violence against churches in Canada. Twenty-one churches have been set on fire in recent months, with at least ten being completely destroyed. Dozens of other churches have been vandalized or desecrated throughout the country.

SOURCE: 2 August 2021, [Vatican News](#)

(U) Germany – Wife of Man Believed to be Double Agent Also Helped Spy for China

(U) Berlin – Prosecutors in Germany have charged a German Italian woman with espionage, alleging she worked with her husband to feed information to Chinese intelligence for years. Prosecutors said the woman, identified only as Klara K., is the wife of Klaus L., a retired German political scientist. He was arrested last month on suspicion of spying for China for almost a decade, using the political contacts he built up at a think tank. Klaus L. had also been an informant for Germany's foreign intelligence agency, the BND, for half a century. The pair were allegedly recruited by Chinese intelligence services while on a lecture tour of Shanghai in June 2010. Between mid-2010 and November 2019, both of them regularly provided Chinese secret service officials with information.

SOURCE: 2 August 2021, [The Washington Post](#)

(U) Niger – Jihadi Rebels Linked to ISIS and al-Qa'ida Kill 15 in Attack on Military Supply Mission

(U) Niamey – Jihadi rebels in Niger attacked a military supply mission killing at least 15 soldiers and injuring seven others. At least six other soldiers remain missing after the attack in the Torodi area of the Tillaberi region as defense and security forces were transporting supplies to Boni. The soldiers were ambushed by armed extremists, and many fell on improvised explosive devices when trying to evacuate their wounded comrades. Jihadi groups linked to the Islamic State and al-Qa'ida are active in that part of Niger near the borders with Mali and Burkina Faso.

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